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# FIRE UPDATE

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## ***New fire reported south of Greenhorn***

**JOHN DAY, Ore.** – Initial attack resources responded to a new fire reported by fixed wing aircraft on the Malheur National Forest on Sunday, August 23 at 8:47 p.m. This fire, incident 310, is now being called the **Frog Pond Fire**.

The fire is burning 13 miles northeast of Prairie City, about three and a half miles south of Greenhorn.

With limited visibility, the fire is estimated at about 15 acres at this time. The cause is currently unknown.

Helicopters have been utilized as air attack, and heavy airtankers have been ordered. Additionally, federal, state, and local resources are responding. This includes five engines, two tenders, two crews, and two dozers.

The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) is increased the National Fire Preparedness Level (PL) to its highest point, PL-5, effective at 5:30 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Thursday, August 13. The last time that the National Preparedness Level was raised to 5 was on August 20, 2013. The National Preparedness Level remained at 5 for 7 days until it was dropped to 4 on August 26, 2013. This is the fifth time that PL-5 has been reached in the last ten years.

Additional fire information can be found at JDIDC - BICC sites online at: <http://bicc-jdidc.org/index.shtml>.

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To report a fire, contact the John Day Interagency Dispatch Center at 541-575-1321 or the Burns Interagency Communication Center at 541-573-1000.

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